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1. DURING CALL ON AMBASSADOR FRANCESCO MALFATTI, SECRETARY
GENERAL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, AMBASSADOR KOMER REVIEWED
IMPORTANT ALLIANCE QUESTIONS IN WHICH ITALY HAS A KEY ROLE.

2. PICKING UP ON MALFATTI'S REFERENCE TO THE GOI'S
TRIENNIAL ECONOMIC PLAN AND THE RELATED NEED FOR
AUSTERITY MEASURES, KOMER MADE A STRONG PITCH FOR PRESERVING
ITALY'S NATO PLEDGE OF INCREASING DEFENSE EXPENDITURES ANN-
UALLY BY THREE PER CENT IN REAL TERMS. HE ALSO UNDERLINED IN
THIS CONTEXT, THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING THE ITALIAN DEF-
ENSE ESTABLISHMENTS'S
CAPACITY FOR DOING ITS FULL PART IN LTDP.

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3. KOMER THEN DESCRIBED THE HISTROY AND ANTECEDENTS OF LTDP,
EMPHASIZING THAT IT WAS NOW ESSENTIAL FOR EACH NATO ALLY TO
WORK HARD ON FOLLOW-THROUGH. HE MADE A STRONG PLEA
TO MALFATTI FOR THE GOI TO ADOPT THE PRACTICES--DURING
PERIODS OF RELATIVE BUDGETRY AUSTERITY--OF AGREEING IN PRINCIPLE
TO PARTICIPATING IN FOLLOW-THROUGH PROGRAMS, WITH
THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ITALY WOULD PAY ITS SHARE

LATER WHEN ITS ECONOMY WAS IN BETTER SHAPE.

4. KOMER ALSO EXPLAINED IMPORTANCE FOR ALLIANCE IN GENERAL AND ITALY IN PARTICULAR OF BUILDING UP THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM BY AS MUCH AS ONE AND A HALF TIMES PRESENT AMOUNT. SINCE ITALY HAS TRADITIONALLY RECEIVED MORE FROM NATO INFRASTRUCTURE THAN IT PUTS INTO THE PROGRAM, KOMER SAID HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE GOI TO SUPPORT THIS MUCH-NEEDED INCREASE FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING NATO'S COMBAT READINESS AND THE LTDP.

5. IN REPLYING, MALFATTI EXPRESSED ITALIAN LOYALTY TO THE ALLIANCE AND THE GOI'S DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN NATO PROGRAMS TO THE BEST OF ITS ABILITY. HOLMES

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